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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Thomas Parrott

SUBJECT : OCB Luncheon - 8 June 1960

1. It was suggested that the OCB Working Group study some of the possible elements and problems which might arise out of the trial of Francis Powers in order that the appropriate agencies of government might be in a position to anticipate and deal with them.

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I suggested to Mr. Merchant that in view of the long delay in the Soviet's taking any action to permit access to Powers, it would be timely to make another request. I felt that it was possible that they were brainwashing Powers and for this reason wanted us not to see him. Therefore, it was urgent that we build up a record of having made every effort to see him and if these efforts fail we might start the rumor that we were being kept from him so that they could complete the brainwashing process.

- 3. Mr. McCone distributed some correspondence with regard to a letter from Congressman Porter regarding exhibits of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs. All present thought this was a bad idea from every viewpoint and that he should be so informed in no uncertain terms.
- 4. Mr. McCone also reported that the Atomic Energy Commission was transferring the control and management of Eniwetok to the Department of Defense. There was some discussion as to the desirability or undesirability of issuing a brief statement to this effect. On balance, since this transfer would be known to a lot of people and might occasion inquiry, it was felt that a brief statement should be prepared to be issued by the Department of Defense at its discretion. Some felt that it would be well to wait until there was an inquiry. Others that it might be well to issue a statement immediately, but the decision as to timing was left to Defense.

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- 5. There was considerable discussion about the President's trip to Japan and Mr. McCone took a very serious view of the trip and felt that it probably should be postponed. Mr. Merchant presented most forcefully the view that to do this would be to give a triumph to the Communists and anti-American groups, which would have repercussions all through Asia.
- 6. In view of the lack of time, the OCB did not have a chance to discuss the announcement regarding the further dispersal of SAC or the problem with regard to the Antarctic Treaty which seemed to be in trouble as far as ratification was concerned.

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